
**COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
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THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Paul Bowlen at 10:05 a.m. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Barnes, Christine	City of La Palma
Bowlen, Paul (Chair)	City of Cerritos
Chastain, Kelly	SANBAG
Coerper, Gil	City of Huntington Beach
Daigle, Leslie	OCCOG
Dispenza, Mike	City of Palmdale
Edney, Jon A. (Vice Chair)	City of El Centro/TVAG
Fesmire, Melanie	CVAG
Jasper, Timothy	City of Apple Valley
Lantz, Paula	City of Pomona
McCallon, Larry	City of Highland
McCullough, Kathryn	OCCOG
Morehouse, Carl	City of Ventura/VCOG
Nowatka, Paul	City of Torrance
Núñez, John	SGVCOG
Ring, Bob	OCCOG
Robertson, Deborah	City of Rialto
Ten, Mike	SGVCOG
Tyler, Sidney	SGVCOG
White, Charles	WRCOG Subregion

Members Not Present

Green, Cathy	OCCOG
Herzog, Peter	OCCOG
Hofmeyer, Daryl	City of Paramount
Loveridge, Ronald	City of Riverside
McSweeney, Susan	City of Westlake
Norby, Chris	Orange County
Olhasso, Laura	Arroyo Verdugo Subregion
Perry, Jan	City of Los Angeles
Poe, Marilynn	City of Los Alamitos

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Reyes, Ed	City of Los Angeles
Richardson, Laura	City of Long Beach
Serrano, Joseph	Gateway Cities

**Indicates new member(s).*

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Paul Bowlen called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The Chair asked Councilmember Christine Barnes to lead the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.0

It was moved by Councilmember Dispenza and seconded by Councilmember Barnes to approve the consent calendar as submitted. It was approved unanimously.

4.1 Approval Item

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4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 Public Hearing Notice January 11, 2007 12:00-7:00 p.m. Integrated
Regional Growth Forecast and Housing Needs Assessment Methodology

4.2.2 Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) 2007 Appeals Schedule

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Review of RHNA Appeals Board Members and Alternate Members

Chair Bowlen presented the members of the RHNA Appeals Board. Chair Bowlen stated that agreement had been reached to use the members of the RHNA Subcommittee to serve as the RHNA Appeals Board Members and Alternative. They are:

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- Imperial County, Councilmember Jon Edney
- Los Angeles County, Councilmember Paul Nowatka;
Councilmember Mike Ten (Alternate)
- Orange County, Councilmember Gil Coerper;
Councilmember Christine Barnes (Alternate)
- Riverside County, Councilmember Charles White
Councilmember Melanie Fesmire (Alternate)
- San Bernardino County, Councilmember Tim Jasper
Councilmember Larry McCallon (Alternate)
- Ventura County, Councilmember Carl Morehouse

Vice Chair Edney added that since Imperial and Ventura don't have alternates it would be up to the President of SCAG to appoint an alternate if needed.

It was moved by Councilmember Jasper and seconded by Councilmember McCallon to approve slate for the RHNA Appeals Board and alternates and transmit to President Burke for appointment.

5.2 2007 Regional Champion

Chair Bowlen called for nominations from the Committee for 2007 Regional Champion nominees. Councilmember Paul Nowatka submitted the name of Hunter Johnson, President and CEO of LINC Housing a nonprofit housing provider. Mr. Johnson has been the President of LINC since its beginning for the last 24 years. Mr. Johnson has had a hand in developing more than 6,000 affordable housing units, mostly for senior citizens. Councilmember Nowatka thought Mr. Johnson would make a very good candidate because of his dedication in helping to provide affordable housing.

It was moved by Councilmember Barnes and seconded by Councilmember Nowatka to approve the nomination of Mr. Hunter Johnson as the CEHD's candidate to receive the 2007 Regional Champion award.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Infrastructure Bonds: Implementation

Jeff Dunn, SCAG Staff, gave a brief overview of the housing bond implementation. Mr. Dunn reported that of the \$2.85B provided by this bond, approximately \$1.5B is allocated for existing housing programs administered by

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HCD, and approximately \$1.35B is "new" money to be allocated for: \$850M for infill development; \$200M for parks/recreation development; and, \$300M for Transit-Oriented Development to provide high-density housing near transit stations.

7.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Bowlen asked that Lynn Harris pass out the new members' booklet that he had asked be created. Ms. Harris stated that the booklet was prepared with the assistance of the Government Affairs department.

General discussion of Committee on subjects such as where members park when building is full, telephone numbers of members. Vice Chair Edney thought it would be better to put an alternative number where members can be reached quicker than going through city halls. Councilmember McCullough thought a letter system should be used to indicate if a phone number can be given to other members. Councilmember McCallon wanted staff to show what cities, subregions, etc., that each member represents on the roster list and on the membership list in the agenda.

The CEHD has expressed concern about the habitual absences of some of the CEHD members. They have asked for two things-a copy of the policy for attendance at committee meetings and an attendance matrix for the past 12 months.

They also noted that the list of members continues to be out of date and asked that the February roster have a comprehensive review and changes made before it is included in the agenda.

Lynn Harris, on behalf of the several departments involved in the above items, promised to follow-up and report back to the Committee as soon as possible.

8.0 STAFF REPORT

Mark Pisano, Executive Director, report on the further definition of the bonds that are not going to be dealt with administratively. At least half of the bond money will be for infill, infrastructure, and park/recreation, these monies have not been identified as to how it will be allocated. In Prop. 84 there is an additional \$500 million that has not been identified as to what should be done with this money. Prop. 84 had a large amount of money on the stormwater flood control, runoff issue of monies that can be used for planning and local government implementation. The EEC Committee Chair Councilmember Washburn has

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indicated he would like local government and SCAG to be involved in how this money is spent, around \$2 billion dollars, which will be determined by the Legislature.

Mr. Pisano further discussed outside interest groups, in particular, environmental groups who are actively involved in determining where this money will be spent.

After his report Mark asked the Committee if this is an area the CEHD would want to get involved in from a policy perspective. A long discussion between Mark and members of the Committee ensued. Discussion then went into two policy issues. Do we influence bond money to implement and provide incentives to move forward on Blueprint and do we provide extra incentives for members and the region to do so? Second policy issue, do we also attempt to get the kind of planning reform that is potentially possible through this process? Mr. Pisano felt these were two fundamental issues and if the organization is to be successful then we have until September to be successful.

Vice Chair Edney initially agreed that the Committee should support efforts to help get some of this money for the region and Councilmember Morehouse also agreed for SCAG to proceed to influence the spending of this money.

Councilmember Sid Tyler brought up the subject of State of the Region and if staff has done an analysis of what it would take to be the region's grades up. When could that report be expected?

Mr. Pisano stated the Information Services Department is setting performance measures against which they will evaluate progress. They are in the process of developing those performance measures, secondly, those performance measures are being done jointly with the development of the Comprehensive Plan. After explaining what staff is doing in regards to improving conditions in the region, Mr. Pisano he couldn't say that all this would be done by the time the next State of the Region report is complete.

After Mr. Pisano's comments, Councilmember Tyler stated that he had the opportunity to further read and examine the State of the Region report and found it to be a very good document and complimented Mr. Pisano and his staff on the work that had been done this document.

Chair Bowlen asked would it be possible to look at the region county by county instead of as the region.

Councilmember Nowatka felt that would be very difficult to do.

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Councilmember McCullough made remarks on her interest of the education and how it has been handled in the State of the Region report. She encouraged staff with compliments about the quality of the report and reemphasized that yes there needs to be higher interest in education.

Councilmember Nunez suggested the importance of education could be better if officials would learn how to communicate with the school districts on what can make education better.

Lynn Harris, Manager, Community Development, presented John Fregonese of Fregonese/Calthorpe who would give an overall analysis of the workshops and what had been learned. Mr. Fregonese stated after analyzing the comments from the workshops, he said between what the forecast was for the region, out of the total forecast for 2035, approximately 7 or 8 million households, between what the forecast and local government said they could plan to accommodate the goals is within 160,000 households. Because of the participation of these workshops there will be a detailed regional strategic map showing where growth will, put together by the cooperation of the member cities and counties. Put these things together, with some adjustments, goals should be reached and exceed the goals that were set in Compass.

Councilmember Coerper wanted to know what cities participated in this forecast process.

Councilmember Lantz asked a question on the Appeals schedule, in particular, a deadline for subregions to accept delegations. Ms. Harris stated she understood they are still looking into delegation (Joanne stated they were Coachella Valley and Ventura, some communications from Orange County and Western Riverside, so none have accepted delegation.). Her second comment she felt the Regional Council should receive a copy of the recommended list of candidates for the Appeals Board. Ms. Harris said that would be done.

Councilmember Nowatka wanted a definition of what was meant by the gap of the previous RHNA cycle and this one and is it possible for to receive credit during the gap period.

In Ms. Harris' response she referred to the letter received HCD as discussed in the last meeting. In the gap is defined as the RHNA planning period as starting on January 1, 2006. It further defines that the local housing updates are due in Sacramento by July 1, 2008. "In updating their housing elements local governments make credit by applicable

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income category housing units added since January 2006.” This means the gap period is from the period January 1, 2006 to July 1, 2008 and that jurisdictions will be presenting building permit data to HCD when you do your housing element to show what the cities’ needs will be.

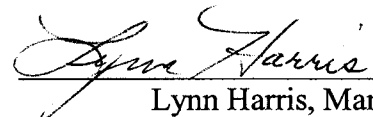
Councilmember McCullough wanted a clarification on this once more. What was the date of the last RHNA. Ms. Harris responded the last RHNA completed on July 1, 2005. So, she wanted to know about the 6 months between September 2005-January 2006. Ms. Harris responded that there were no additional local credits other than the ones from HCD because the growth forecast household members have been adjusted to reflect the RHNA planning period approved by HCD.

Chair Bowlen asked if staff had examples of specific cases where cities had not complied with RHNA requirements. Councilmember Daigle gave the Chair responded with an example of what happened in her city, not with the state, but with local group, the suit went on for 6 years, costly, etc. Ms. Harris said staff cannot tell the Committee exactly who had been penalized, just a list of those cities who did comply with the law, not what happened to those who didn’t. Councilmember Morehouse said Camarillo and Oxnard were both sued and lost.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m. The next CEHD meeting will be held February 1, 2007, at the SCAG office.

Minutes Approved by:


Lynn Harris, Manager
Community Development